



South Carolina  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

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DHEC DEPARTMENT	RELATIONSHIP WITH SCDA	FEASIBILITY	DEPARTMENTS TO ABSORB	PROS	CONS	ESTIMATED ONE TIME COST
Sanitation	FDA food code, MOUs, MOAs, similar work, Time-Temp, Sanitation, pest control, food safety, health, shared inspections, knowledge of inspection, protocols, SOPs, staff	Very High	Create a Retail Food Protection Department under Consumer Protection Division	Good fit, similar to other states, FDA contacts, similarities, good working relationships	Culture, location of staff, would need to relocate HQ and support Labs	Inspection software, offices, labs, space, support
Milk	Dairy, Cheese Butter were under SCDA. SCDA performs manufacturing contract for FDA, MFRPS, similar Inspections, experience with methodology	Very High	Food Safety	Natural Fit, similar in other states, good relationships, similar language, similar inspection	HQ, office support staff, adding a section to Food Department	Software, offices, labs, space, support
Water, Ice, Soft Drink (added)	Not on original list but are combined with Milk, same relationships as Milk	Very High	Food Safety	Natural Fit, good relationships, similar language, similar inspection	HQ, office support staff, adding a section to Food Department	Software, offices, labs, space, support
Home Based Food	Same as sanitation, will remain under Sanitation Inspections	Very High	Create Retail Food Protection	Good fit, similar to other states, FDA contacts, similarities, good working relationships	Culture, location of staff, would need to relocate HQ and support Labs	Software, offices, labs, space, support
Shellfish	SCDA regulates finfish and other seafood	Very High	Food Safety	Natural Fit, good relationships, similar language, similar inspection	Employees at DHEC would need to transfer into Food Group and be expected to perform all food inspections	Soft ware, offices, labs, space, support, location of current DHEC staff
Support Labs	Program from DHEC must also have Lab support to SCDA	Critical	Laboratory	All field work (samples, recalls, finish product testing is supported "in-house"; Dairy, water, retail sanitation, micro, etc.	Shellfish: water testing at coast... may need to contract with local labs along coast for turn around and proximity	Lab refitted to accommodate, staff, equipment. *Currently doing this at SCDA labs to support field regulatory work



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## CURRENT

### CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION



## NEW

### \* FOOD SAFETY & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT



### 5. RETAIL FOOD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT



### \* 6. LABORATORY SERVICES



1. MFRPS will absorb DHEC Manuf. Food MFRPS
2. Water, Ice, Soft Drink will either be included in inspection scope or handled with specialized inspectors during transition
3. Dairy will remain unique but under current Food Safety
4. RRT is one unit merging current DHEC position
5. Retail Sanitation will be a separate department under CPD
6. Lab to absorb support roles for field work, inspections, and samples

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